

PRESIDENT : If the member asks information about the number of appointments made, caste by caste, then I must say that I am not aware of any caste among Christians.

Mortality among Cattle in Vaikam.

154. **MR. A. J. JOHN (Vaikam) :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in a position to supply the figures for the last five years of buffaloes and cattle that died of epidemics in Vechur, Vadayar and other places in the Vaikam taluk?

(2) Has the Director of Agriculture or any other officer of the Government sent up any report to them on the appalling state of mortality among cattle in the taluk of Vaikam?

(3) Are not the Government aware that the cultivation of *kari* lands and other marshy places is impossible without a good supply of buffaloes?

(4) Are they aware of any extent of *kari* land at Vaikam left unregistered and intended for the rearing of buffaloes?

(5) Will they be pleased to make an immediate enquiry into the matter and find a speedy remedy against this constant danger to cultivation in the taluk?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Secretary to Government on other duty) :

(1) Government are not in a position to furnish the information, as there is no agency for the collection of these statistics.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) Buffaloes are necessary for ploughing *kari* lands.

(4) In connection with the disposal of lands set apart as cattle *porambokes* in the State, Government have ordered that an extent of 457.51 acres of land partaking of the nature of *kari* soils at Porakad, and comprised in Survey No. 417/1 D. of the Talayazham *pakuthi*, Vaikam taluk, should be reserved for growing *eera* grass for putting up bunds on *punja* lands, and to serve as pasture grounds for buffaloes. Government are not aware of any other land reserved as pasture ground for buffaloes.

(5) The matter will be enquired into.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

155. **MR. N. KUMARAN (Nominated) :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:

(a) a statement, caste by caste, of appointments, in the Department of Co-operative Societies; and

(b) a similar statement of appointments made or recommended up to the 30th Kanni, 1101, by the present Head of that Department since he took charge of its direction?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Secretary to Government on other duty) :

(a) and (b) The statements* required by the member are placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix VIII A and B—pages 504 and 505.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand from Table (4), Appendix VIII, given in answer to this question that the total number of appointments in Co-operative Department is only 27?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The details are given there. It includes Inspectors, Personal Assistant and clerks. It does not include, for instance, peons.

Statement by caste of Appointments made in the Co-operative Department.

156. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made in the Co-operative Department up to the 30th Kanni, 1101, since the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies assumed office?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 155.

Pallikkal-Velinallur Road.

157. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have recognised the necessity of opening a new road from Pallikkal to Velinallur in the Chirayinkil taluk?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative, what progress have they made regarding the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Kudivila on Teak Trees.

158. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the outstanding amount due to the ryots up to the 1st Chingam 1101, on account of *kudivila* for teak timber on private lands?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the net profit to Government, during each of the last four years, on a cubic foot of teak timber of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes sold, after deducting the expenditure for collecting them at Government depots through contractors?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to arrange for teak timber being handed over to the owners of private properties, provided they pay to Government, as price of such timber standing on their lands, an amount calculated at the average net profit secured by Government for each class of teak timber during the last four years?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(a) The outstanding amount due to private persons up to the 1st Chingam 1101, on account of *kudivila* cannot be given with any degree of accuracy before each claim is investigated and settled. Approximately however, the amount may be taken as S. Rs. 2,83,645.